



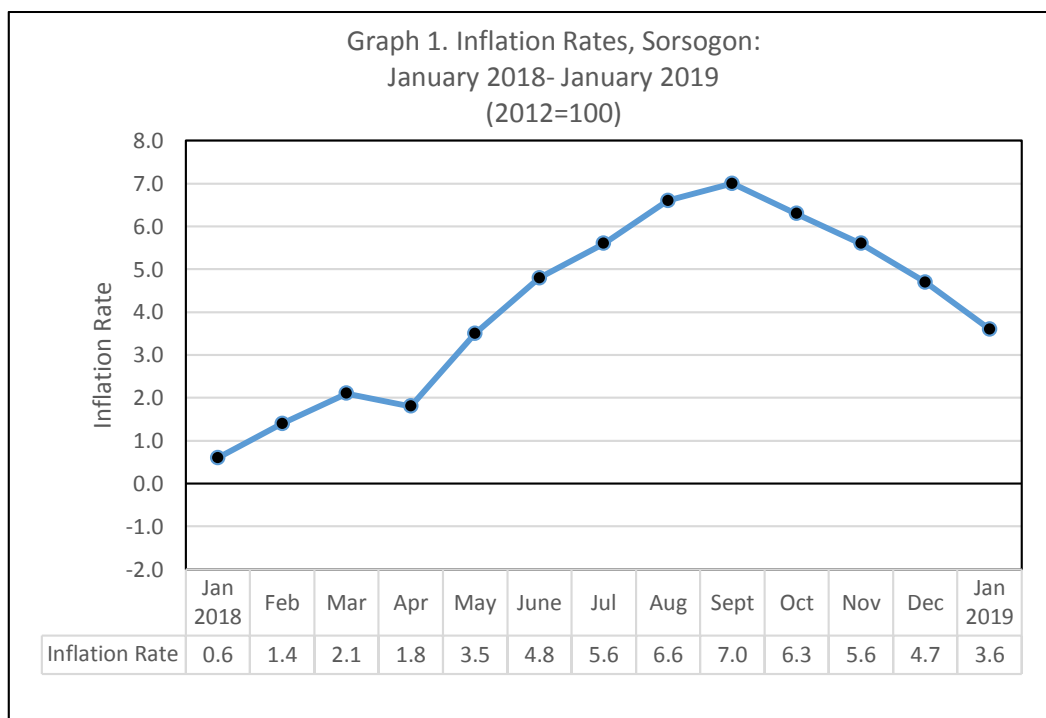
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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ALL INCOME HOUSEHOLDS IN SORSOGON: January 2019 (2012=100)

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PRICE SITUATION: Year-on-Year

The year-on-year inflation rate (IR) for the province of Sorsogon registered at 3.6% in January 2019 with 2012 as base year. This is 1.1 percentage points lower than the IR recorded last month which was 4.7%. The IR a year ago was 0.6%. (Refer to Graph 1)

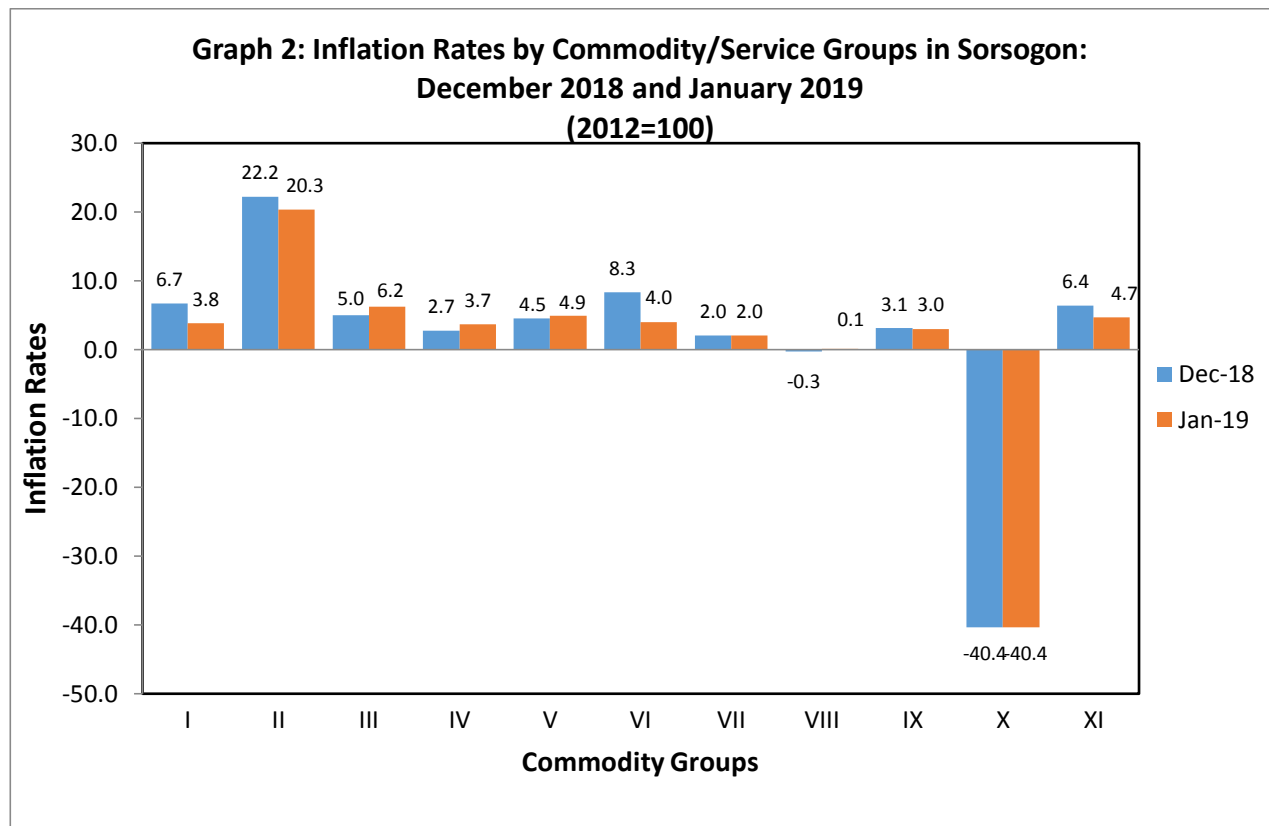


The current IR movement could be attributed to Food items with a decrease of 3.2 percentage points from last month's IR along with Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco with 1.9 percentage points decrease. Non-alcoholic beverage, however, posted an increase of 1.6 percentage points along also with Non-Food items with a slight increase of 0.1 percentage points.

Among commodity group I, significant decrease were registered on most of the items with Fish, Rice and Vegetable items as top three contributors having 5.4, 5.3 and 4.8

percentage points decrements consecutively. Conversely, corn and oils and fats registered significant increase of 2.7 and 1.4 percentage points accordingly.

Under Non-Food items, significant changes were posted on Health and Restaurants and Miscellaneous Goods and Services with 4.3 and 1.7 percentage points decrease correspondingly. Meanwhile, significant increase were posted on Clothing and Footwear (group 3), Housing, Water, Electricity, gas and Other Fuels (group IV) with 1.2 and 1.0 percentage points increase. (Refer to Graph 2)



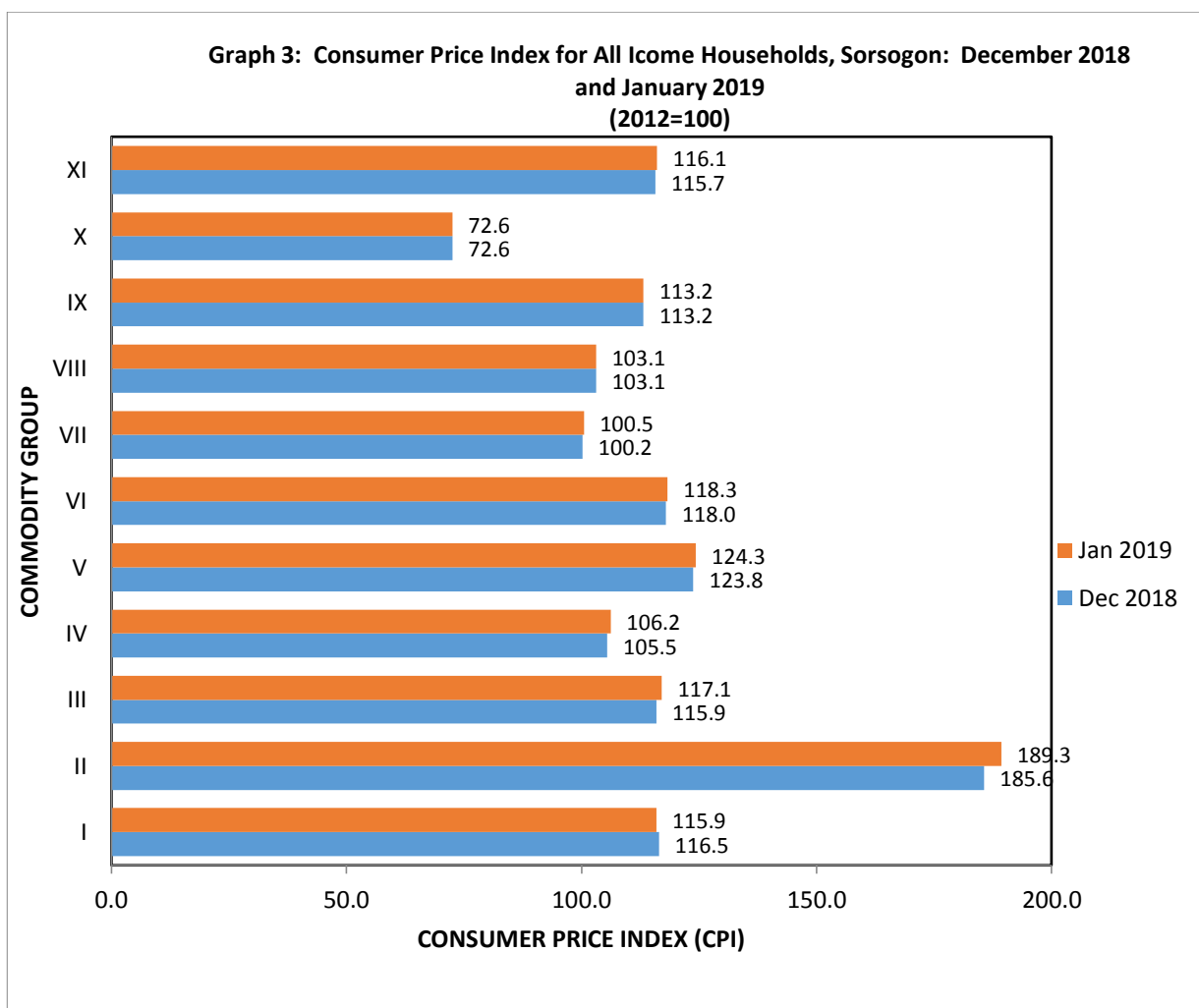
- I. Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages
- II. Alcoholic and Beverages and Tobacco
- III. Clothing and Footwear
- IV. Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels
- V. Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House
- VI. Health
- VII. Transport
- VIII. Communication
- IX. Recreation and Culture
- X. Education
- XI. Restaurants and Miscellaneous and Services



PRICE SITUATION: Month-on-Month

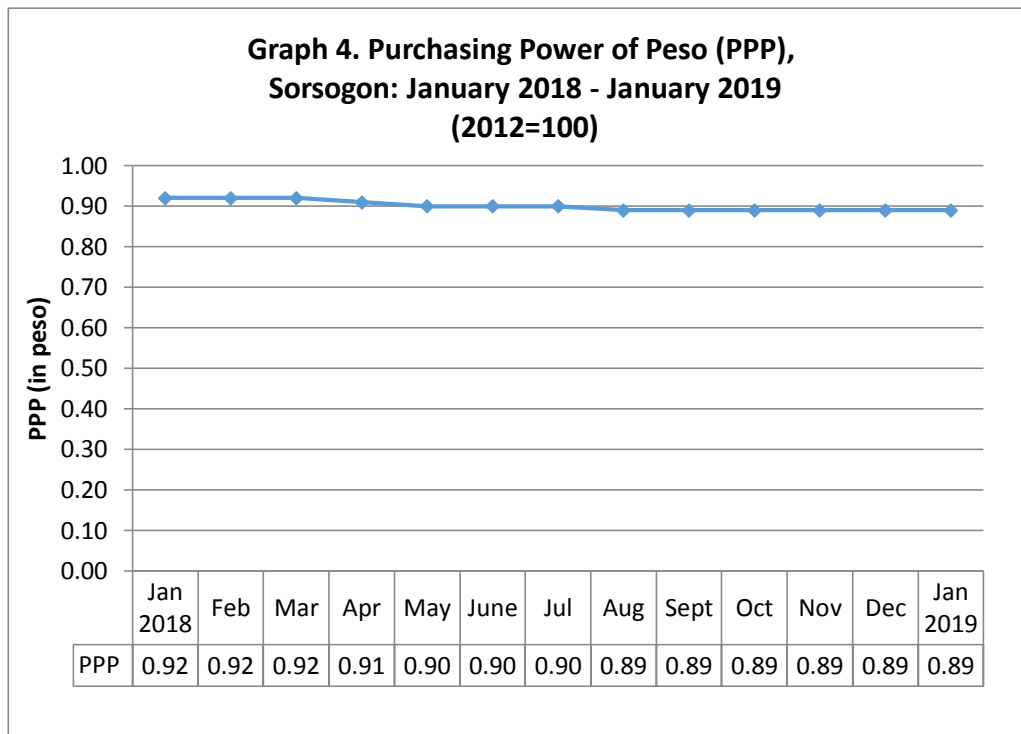
On a monthly basis, the consumer price index (CPI) for all income households in the province of Sorsogon was 112.4 in January 2019. This was higher by 0.2% than the index level posted in December 2018. This also means that the general prices for the province of Sorsogon increased by 12.4% with the 2012 base year.

All commodity groups increased except for commodity group I with 0.5% decrease. Increments were high on group II with 2.0% and group III with 1.0%. Other groups registered less than one percent increase. (Refer to Graph 3)





The purchasing power of peso (PPP) in the province of Sorsogon for this month remained stable at 0.89 pesos. This means that a peso in 2012 is worth 89 centavos in January 2019 for the province of Sorsogon. The PPP a year ago was 0.92 pesos. (Refer to Graph 4)



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Table 1: Consumer Price Index for All Income Households in SORSOGON:							
December 2018 and January 2019							
(2012 = 100)							
COMMODITY GROUP	Dec-17	Dec-18	Jan-18	Jan-19	Month-on-Month	Dec-18	Jan-19
					Percent Change	Inflation rate	Inflation Rate
ALL ITEMS	107.2	112.2	108.5	112.4	0.18	4.7	3.6
I. FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	109.2	116.5	111.7	115.9	-0.52	6.7	3.8
* Food	109.1	115.9	111.8	115.1	-0.69	6.2	3.0
Bread and Cereals	112.5	120.5	113.6	117.0	-2.90	7.1	3.0
Rice	112.6	121.3	114.0	116.7	-3.79	7.7	2.4
Corn	131.8	145.7	131.8	149.2	2.40	10.5	13.2
Meat	107.6	116.8	108.7	117.3	0.43	8.6	7.9
Fish	85.2	92.4	93.2	96.1	4.00	8.5	3.1
Milk, Cheese and Eggs	111.4	114.9	111.7	115.0	0.09	3.1	3.0
Oils and Fats	113.3	117.8	113.3	119.4	1.36	4.0	5.4
Fruit	114.3	121.3	115.8	120.8	-0.41	6.1	4.3
Vegetables	157.9	154.9	165.8	154.7	-0.13	-1.9	-6.7
Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery	77.8	93.6	77.8	94.1	0.53	20.3	21.0
Food Products N.E.C.	115.8	118.8	115.8	119.3	0.42	2.6	3.0
* Non-alcoholic Beverages	110.1	124.0	110.2	125.8	1.45	12.6	14.2
II. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	151.9	185.6	157.4	189.3	1.99	22.2	20.3
Alcoholic Beverages	119.1	124.8	119.1	125.1	0.24	4.8	5.0
Tobacco	170.5	220.2	179.1	225.8	2.54	29.1	26.1
NON-FOOD	105.0	107.9	105.4	108.5	0.56	2.8	2.9
III. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	110.4	115.9	110.3	117.1	1.04	5.0	6.2
Clothing	108.2	111.8	108.2	113.2	1.25	3.3	4.6
Footwear	115.8	126.1	115.8	126.7	0.48	8.9	9.4
IV. HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS	102.7	105.5	102.4	106.2	0.66	2.7	3.7
Actual Rentals for Housing	105.9	107.6	105.8	108.9	1.21	1.6	2.9
Maintenance and Repair of the Dwelling	114.9	118.2	115.1	118.8	0.51	2.9	3.2
Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services Relating to the Dwelling	107.8	122.1	107.8	122.1	0.00	13.3	13.3
Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	93.2	97.7	91.7	96.9	-0.82	4.8	5.7
V. FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE MAINTENANCE OF THE HOUSE	118.5	123.8	118.5	124.3	0.40	4.5	4.9
Furniture and Furnishings, Carpets and Other Floor Coverings	108.4	108.8	108.4	110.3	1.38	0.4	1.8
Household Textiles	117.6	118.9	117.6	120.9	1.68	1.1	2.8
Household Appliances	105.0	106.6	105.1	106.7	0.09	1.5	1.5
Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils	103.5	105.2	103.5	105.7	0.48	1.6	2.1
Tools and Equipment for House and Garden	105.7	106.7	105.7	107.0	0.28	0.9	1.2
Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance	121.2	127.4	121.2	127.9	0.39	5.1	5.5
VI. HEALTH	109.0	118.0	113.7	118.3	0.25	8.3	4.0
Medical Products, Appliances and Equipment	110.0	113.9	110.2	114.1	0.18	3.5	3.5
Out-patient Services	122.4	122.6	122.5	122.7	0.08	0.2	0.2
Hospital Services	99.0	124.8	116.5	125.3	0.40	26.1	7.6
VII. TRANSPORT	98.2	100.2	98.5	100.5	0.30	2.0	2.0
Operation of Personal Transport Equipment	85.7	91.6	86.8	90.6	-1.09	6.9	4.4



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Transport Services	104.0	104.7	104.0	105.7	0.96	0.7	1.6
VIII. COMMUNICATION	103.4	103.1	103.0	103.1	0.00	-0.3	0.1
Postal Services	102.2	105.4	102.2	105.4	0.00	3.1	3.1
Telephone and Telefax Equipment	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.00	0.0	0.0
Telephone and Telefax Services	104.3	103.9	103.8	103.9	0.00	-0.4	0.1
IX. RECREATION AND CULTURE	109.8	113.2	109.9	113.2	0.00	3.1	3.0
Audio-visual, Photographic and Information Processing Equipment	108.2	109.1	108.2	109.1	0.00	0.8	0.8
Other Major Durables for Recreation and Culture	105.8	106.7	105.8	106.7	0.00	0.9	0.9
Other Recreational Items and Equipment, Gardens and Pets	107.3	111.8	107.2	112.4	0.54	4.2	4.9
Recreational and Cultural Services	155.3	177.6	155.3	177.6	0.00	14.4	14.4
Newspapers, Books and Stationery	109.9	116.8	110.2	116.9	0.09	6.3	6.1
X. EDUCATION	121.8	72.6	121.8	72.6	0.00	-40.4	-40.4
Pre-primary and Primary Education	116.4	124.2	116.4	124.2	0.00	6.7	6.7
Secondary Education	109.4	113.1	109.4	113.1	0.00	3.4	3.4
Tertiary Education	126.6	47.5	126.6	47.5	0.00	-62.5	-62.5
Education Not Definable by Level							
XI. RESTAURANTS AND MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	108.7	115.7	110.9	116.1	0.35	6.4	4.7
Catering Services	106.1	114.5	109.4	114.5	0.00	7.9	4.7
Personal Care	108.4	113.3	108.5	113.6	0.26	4.5	4.7
Personal Effects N.E.C.	107.9	112.4	108.0	115.9	3.11	4.2	7.3
Inflation Rate	-0.2	4.7	0.6	3.6			
Purchasing Power of Peso (PPP)	0.93	0.89	0.92	0.89			